

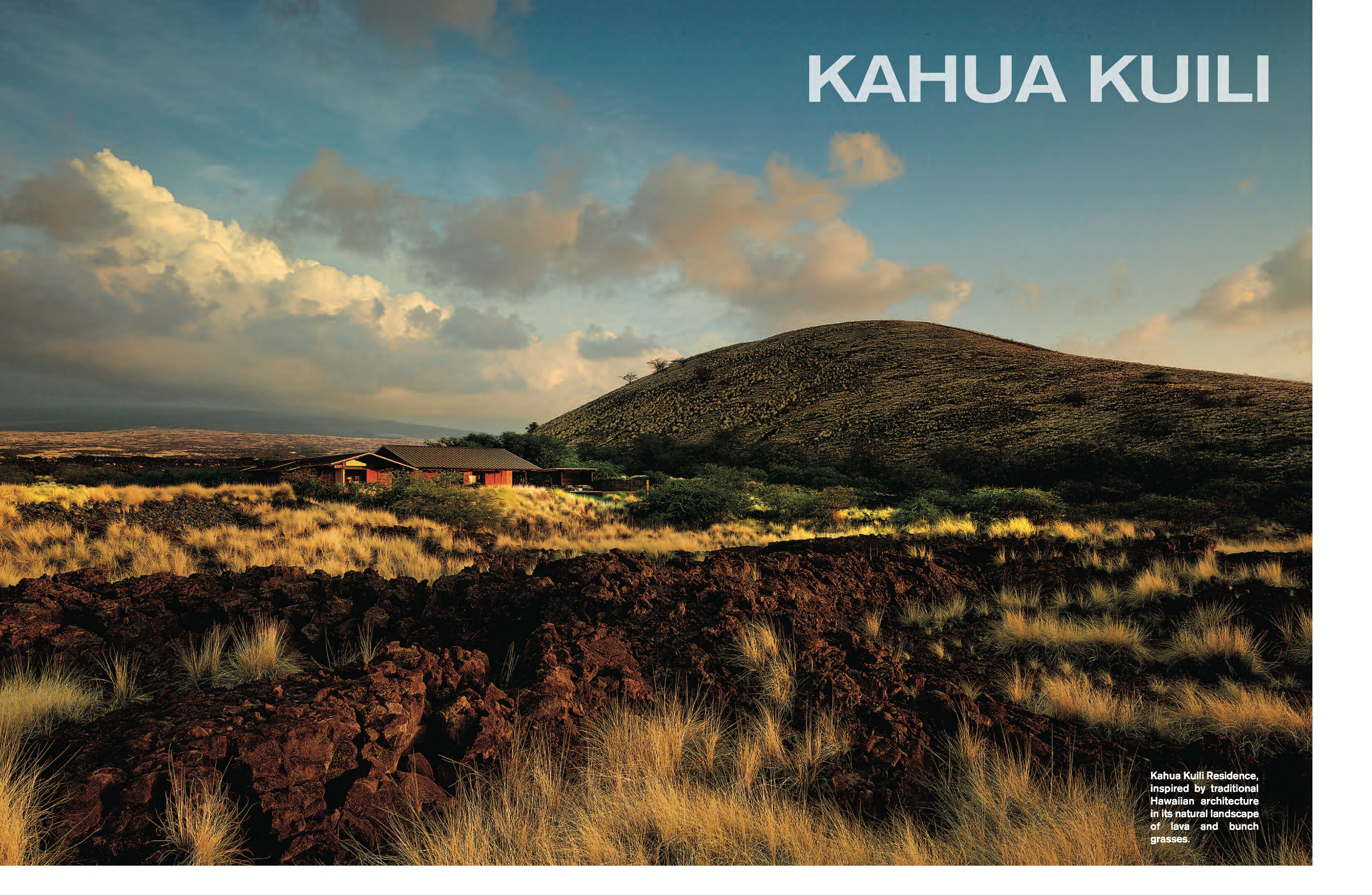
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KAHUA KUILI



Kahua Kuili Residence,
inspired by traditional
Hawaiian architecture
in its natural landscape
of lava and bunch
grasses.

Designed by California-based Walker Warner Architects, the Kahua Kuili residence is a modern interpretation of the classic Hawai'i summer camp.

Located within the dry portion of the Kona Coast at the base of the large cinder cone Pu'u Kuili, the property offers wide views of the Pacific Ocean and Kua Bay as well as mountain views of Hualalai.

Previously the site of a working ranch, the transition to residence became an opportunity to return the majority of the landscape to its natural state: a mix of lava and grasses. Kahua Kuili incorporates old indigenous design elements paired with contemporary attitudes to create a residence that will remain relevant for generations to come.

Inspired by traditional Hawaiian architecture, the 5,590-square-foot residence is composed of multiple structures that simultaneously provide privacy through their scattered arrangement and community through the open spaces between them. The camp-like retreat's focal point is the main hale (Hawaiian for house), which provides a central gathering place for family and friends.

The main hale opens to ocean views and the central, protected courtyard with the pool and tiki bar. The bar/lounge area spills over into the pool, complete with multiple lounge chairs and ocean views. A barbecue/luau area is located under a huge Kiawe tree.

Deep roof overhangs define the transition between inside and outside and offer shelter from sun and rain.

Outdoor spaces link the separate structures—guest quarters, studio, washhouse, garage—to one another. The use of simple, durable materials, such as board-formed concrete, western red cedar, large sliding doors, operable wood ventilation louvers, and rope lashing help reinforce the camp-like aesthetic. Western red cedar was selected for its resistance to termites and dry rot as well as for the way it patinas with age. Natural stone walls surrounding the property help to create a sense of privacy. The interiors were designed by Marion Philpotts with a comfortable, contemporary aesthetic in mind and with bright colors and retro elements.

Right: the Kahua Kuili Residence on the Big Island of Hawaii. It was designed by Walker Warner Architects on the side of a former ranch. Interiors are by Marion Philpotts. The landscape designer was David Y. Tamura Associates and the builder Maryl Construction. photos: Matthew Millman.

